

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Major General G. P. Cabell, USAF
Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General:

I have received your letter of 7 February 1970 about Intelligence Memoranda 236-210 prepared by this Agency for the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group. I note that you complain that your Agency was not even consulted during the preparation of these reports; that they were not disseminated to you; and that they are, to some extent, outdated.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the August 25th request from the Director of the NSAS on this matter. This memorandum indicates to me that the NSAS is calling upon your Agency and the other Service Intelligence Agencies for its intelligence support and, in addition, directly upon CIA Agency. It was my understanding that it wished to have an independent estimate from this Agency.

Since my memoranda were in response to specific requests from the NSAS, they were not coordinated estimates and were not given general dissemination to other agencies.

I think it would be worthwhile to discuss the question of producing coordinated scientific intelligence for elements of the Department of Defense, such as the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group and the Research and Development Board, as the Chairman of the Scientific Intelligence Committee is placing this matter on the agenda for the next meeting. Wider dissemination, of course, is given to coordinated estimates.

USAF review(s) completed.

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With regard to your statement that parts of these Memoranda produced for the NSAS are to some extent outdated, I hope this does not indicate that the conclusions were wrong because of an inadequate free flow of information to CIA from the collecting agencies.

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As the Director of Central Intelligence
I am authorized to sign
Director of Central
Intelligence

cc: Director, NSAS

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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Hilly:

I have just learned that your office has prepared, apparently at the request of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, five studies dealing with various aspects of Soviet defensive air capabilities. I have reference to Intelligence Memoranda 236 through 240, produced by Dr. Machle's office.

I am sure you will agree that the Air Force has a great interest in studies of this nature inasmuch as we have the primary responsibility for the production of Air Intelligence. To the best of my knowledge, we were not even consulted during the preparation of these reports.

The list of CIA publications made available to us does not include your OSI studies, and we therefore became aware of the existence of the referenced Intelligence Memoranda only by accident. This points up another oversight: inadequate dissemination of OSI studies.

Certain parts of these Memoranda are to some extent outdated, and in our mutual effort to produce the best possible intelligence, I am sure you will understand my concern.

Your comments or any action deemed feasible to effect appropriate coordination in such matters will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

C. F. CASAL
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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